Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) for setting up of the 132 KVDC Anandnagar-Butwal transmission line to enhance exchange of power with Nepal.

The developers of the West Seti Hydroelectric Power Project (750 MW), located in Nepal, with whom MoU has been signed, have also approached PTC for sale of power.

(d) and (e) As per information available, the West Seti Hydroelectric Power Project in Nepal is being promoted by M/s Snowy Mountains Electric Company (SMEC), an Australian Company. For the projects being implemented in Nepal, any facilities for their completion will have to be provided by the concerned authorities in that country.

Hydel power potential

2271. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of shortage of power, the Government proposed to explore more hydel power potential;

(b) if so, the plans therefor; and

(c) other steps proposed on renovation and modernisation of generating stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) A capacity addition of 14,393 MW from Hydro projects is to be achieved during the Tenth Plan. In order to accelerate the pace of hydro power development in the country, a basin wise "Ranking Study" of all the balance hydro-electric potential which is yet to be exploited has been carried out by the Central Electricity Authority and discussions with the State Governments have been initiated to finalise an Action Plan for their subsequent development.

(c) 72 schemes in various States and in the central sector with a total installed capacity of 808.05 MW have been identified for renovation and modernisation during the Tenth Plan. Power benefit of 323.8 MW from 8 schemes has already been achieved during the Tenth Plan.